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THE BIGGEST POLITICAL AND MILITARY KONFRONTATION FOR YEARS BETWEEN THE SQUATTER-MOVEMENT AND THE SYSTEM IN COPENHAGEN IS NEAR! WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS VERY DETERMINING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE RESISTANCE IN COPENHAGEN.

The biggest Copenhagen squat, Ryesgade 58, will be attacked by police sunday the 14th of sept. or shortly after. The socialdemokratic organisation, UNGBO, who owns the squat, have declared, they will send police, if we don't leave the house latest sunday 14th of sept.
Our answer were militant actions: One against the soc.dem. burgomas-

ter of Copenhagen, E.Weidekamp, and the practical preparations for the fight together with a propaganda-offensive.

In Aug. a big, old danish imperialist company, ØK, was attacked because of its relationships to South Africa.
50 squatters smashed windows and threw paintingbombs.
2 burning barrikades near the closest police station prevented them from getting directly to ØK.

10th of Sept, in the night, the private house of E. Weidekamp, aswell as the headquarter of UNGBO, were attacked with painting, stones, and butyric acid so strong that both buildings will be closed for some time.

Even though there are a few militant traditions ,(and a big 'terror-scare') in Denmark, many people could understand the attack against burgomaster Weidekamp. His popularity hasn't grown too much the last months.
The konservative minister of justice called teh press to dissociate from such 'terror-actions' against politicians.

Through 2 years negotiations took part, but without any solution.
In 1984 UNGBO bought the 2 biggest squats in Copenhagen, but last year, feb 1985, the one got cleared by police because of negotiations collapsed Then there were militant actions and street-clashes for 5 days.
The negotioations continued in Ryesgade 58 on very low intension. the soc.dem.'s were afraid to clear the house because of the political consequenses. They know that they will need a big police-strenght, and that Ryesgade 58 , together with the other 5 squatted houses, fight back.

The derictly resistance against police-attacks, aswell as our actions against US-imperialism, South Africa, etc., is what they wanted to passivate by negotiations and integration. For a long time the right- wing have been ready to passivate us with military means..
In feb. this year the police surrounded Ryesgade 58 for 3 days, and the 2. chief of police in Copenhagen declared:"Ryesgade 58 is a cancer-cell in the danish society,"while the conservative minister of justice supported him.
Now the soc.dem's are ready to use military means too, as they did many times before in Copenhagen against worker squatters and other squatters.

In the squats in Copenhagen we have autonomi, and wi run the houses without any 'help' from the authorities. Socially and culturally we make ex-

periments in the squats, and personal and political many of us have improved a lot. Together we have generated a certain resistance against the state and the imperialism. This they want to smash.
The soc.dems want to change Copenhagen into a town for multinational companies, banks and offices....
without quarters with potential social riot s and political resistance. Therefore they have reorganised some workers quarters as Nørrebro, where there were big riots in 1981.
They reorganise the quarters into new concrete-boxes which are easy to control for the police.
All the original inhabitants are deported,
In Ryesgade many inhabitants have been deported to give space to the big US-computer-weapon-company SPERRY.
US comes in, squats go out..
This is a part of their game. Thanks to NATO ! EUREKA !

In the last year we have come good together in the squats.
Many good and hard descussions about political perspectives.
For the moment it is very intens because we are going to FIGHT TOGETHER!!!

Maybe already tomorrow.
Of course wi are afraid and sorry to lose our home through 3 ½ years, but we think the fight has perspectives:

EVEN THOUGH THE FIGHT WILL BE A DEFEAT, THE RESISTANCE ITSELF WILL BE A VICTORY!!!

WHERE WE FIGHT THERE THE LIVE IS!!

ALL PICTURES FROM "EKSTRA BLADET" 16.9.86

500 PEOPLE FIGHTS TOGETHER.

THE STRUGGLE FOR THE RYESGADE-SQUAT NOW ON ITS FOURTH DAY.

Since sunday the 14.th september the streets around Ryesgade 58 is blocked by barricades.

On sunday the 14.th september 500 squatters made a demonstration in front of the town hall. After some music the demo set out for Østerbro - a district of Copenhagen. It was officialy a march to a great park but after some running the demo - now 1000 persons - arrived Ryesgade 58.
Barricades were made and defended against som hundred pigs. Petrol-bombs, fireworks, stones and catapults did their work.
At the same time a purposeful action against the US-firm SPERRY (war-production) in the occupied area were made. Different machines and wood-buildings burned down.
In the town Århus damage for about 25.000 $ were produced as Ungbo - ovner of Ryesgade 58 - contemporary got attacked by squat-supporters.

After the pigs were thrown back from Ryesgade, Trepkasgade and Lundingsgade new barricades were build, some up to 3 meters high, and during the night the roads were diged out and barbed wire placed to make it difficult for the pigs to attack.
Monday morning the pigs didn't arrive for the final attack. Only a few hundred cops surrounded the area and made sometimes smaller attacks. They were thrown away and in the afternoon the squatters went outside the barricades to engage the pigs. They removed some hundred meters and the squatters made a big street-party outside the barricades on the main-road Blegdamsvej.
On monday more supporters came to Ryesgade. The leaders of the pigs informed the minister of justice that they didn't dear to move in - maybe because the barricades didn allow their heavy trucks to support the attack. The press started their campaign:"Democracy in danger".
Tuesday morning the government held a meeting about "the situation". The leader of the town hall hides himself for the press now on the seckond day.
An old 68-squatter and now rich musician says he gonna by the house and give it to the squatters. The big union for the semi-skilled workers says from their kongres that they too will by the house "together with other unions, groups and institutions to protect the democracy and prevent deeper cracks in society".
The Squatters makes a press-meeting were they says that no one has stated to them that they will by the house and even then it's not clear on wich circumstances the legalization should run. The squatters dont want to own the house, the local authority should be the owner and the burgomaster must guarantee for this solution.

On wednesday morning nothing has changed. It is noy clear if there is a legalizatiom in seight or only psychological warfare from the pigs and politicians.
The german Horst Mahler (former RAF) gives this morning the state instructions in the press how to defeat the squatters. -We don't need that international support.

Solidarity is a weapon!

HELLO EKOMEDIA-PEOPLE! 17-9-86

SO THIS MONTH'S BULLETIN IS READY - HERE YOU ARE..

MOST OF IT IS ABOUT B2 (SQUATTERS) - EVICTION, STREETFIGHTS ETC. THE MEDIA HERE WRITES PAGE ~~AFTE~~ ON PAGE - OF VIOLENCE, HOMELESSNESS, BAD POLITICIANS

MOST ~~ALL~~ PEOPLE SEEM TO BE RATHER POSITIVE TOWARDS B2, AGAINST POLITICIANS!

BUT LET'S WAIT & SEE - WE PLAN TO MAKE A NEW BULLETIN IN ONE OR TWO WEEKS

TO NIMBIN; AUSTRALIA

THANX FOR THE MAGAZINE AGAIN - WE APPRECIATE IT MUCH - WE'VE GIVEN YOUR ADDRESS TO SOME PEOPLE (SEVERAL TIMES) WHO WANTED TO GO TO AUSTRALIA - SO MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE A VISIT...

TO NORWAY:

WHERE ARE YOU?! A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENING IN NORWAY - LIKE BIG DEMO AGAINST THATCHER ON VISIT, PROTESTING THE BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA-POLITICS, & POLLUTION (ACID RAIN IN NORWAY COMES FROM ENGLAND)

EKOMEDIA ÅRHUS

MORE ABOUT WEAPON-SMUGGLING

A new scandal: A danish ship, "Else Th.", has carried weapons from Israel to Iran. The transport was carried out in a clandestine way, all inscriptions on the cargo boxes was smeared, the ship waited an extra monteh in Eilat (israel), to match the sailing-time like they came from Yugoslavia, all food-cans etc with israelian script were taken away from the ship, and so on... It's not illegal to take weapon from Israel or to Iran (not like South Africa), but the crew want their ekstra pay when carrying a dangerous cargo, and it also looks rather odd: Israel get their weapon from USA, and sell them on to Iran, where USA is considered the ultimate enemy...

JYLLANDSPOSTEN 13-9-86

SENTENCE PRONOUNCED FOR PERU ACTION

The 24 years old irainian, Hamid, was sentenced to 2 years in jail, for hostage-taking at the Peruvian Embassy in Copenhagen in feb. Hamid carried out the action together with 2 other iranians to protest the situation in Peru, the treatment of prisoners there, etc. It was planned to be a peaceful occupation, they carried no weapon, and didn't plan to kidnap the charges d'affaires and a secretary, who incidentally showed up. They were held as hostages for 7 hours. The Prosecutor wanted 4 years as "the action was very close to international terrorism, like Rote Arme Fraktion"... The Defensor said this was too high in the sky, as Hamid carried no weapon and didn't plan to take hostages, and the hostages have had no injuries or after-effects. But still, the 2 years sentence is the largest ever in DK for an embassy occupation.

POLITIKEN 12-9-86

Police methods too rough

This is one of the critical points of a new book, which has researched in policemethods especially at demonstrations and squattings.
The police is too heavy in its actions, and more flexibility is required. More emphasis should be put on peace instead of order in the streets. Police should wait and check their option instead of rushing in as soon as state of community orders it.
The book brings into question if the police methods are right, and it asks if police methods really are necessary against problems like those with squatters.
" It is easy to be hardhanded when the law is on your side."

The book recommends that "a peaceful solution to conflicts is better than strictly keeping the order"
The book, called 'Social Disturbances/ police and policy' is written by 14 mostly journalists and judges, and also 2 police officers. Through 5 years they have looked on police methods and the social effect of these.
The book criticises among other things conflicts being solved very forcefully, which is a cause for larger social tension.
Police cannot solve the causes for the conflicts, but the way they handle a conflict can in a fairly decisive way influence the preception of the society.
Drastic police methods can strengthen feelings of social injustice and oppression and can cause militant response which otherwise would not have been used.
Furtherly the book shows that conflict-situations happen also because the police and citizens no longer know each other.
The new 'nærpolitistationer'(small neighbourhood-police stations) are only able to help at small social problems, the great social problems are always solved by foreign police-officers, being placed in without knowing the social background of a problem.

Jyllandsposten, 4.9.86

Cops into the private sektor.

20 cops from Glostrup and 17 more from Herning, both Jutland, Denmark, don't want to work as cops anymore and are looking for new possibilities in the private sektor.
'Experienced, stabile and dynamic' criminal assistants offer their work to the private sektor' is what one could read in the papers on 12. Sept.
The cops are tired of spending top-work and not being paid for it. Higher wages and better working conditions, that is what they want.

The cops are sure, they are wellcome: The most important qualification is their good education and that the cops are used to speak to a lot of people. Most of them also received an education before being cops

More serious than the request for wages and work-conditions is that the 20 from Glostrup made 1/3 of the whole police strenght.
In Herning all 17 cops left for a new job.

Jyllandsposten 14.9.86

ALTERNATIVE HEALTHCENTER

The center For Integrated Medicne at Ranum in North Jutland (see also Bulletin Nr 6), was recently recognized by the healt-authorities, so now the center is entitled to pay no taxes etc. This, and the signing on a petition for support to the Center by two MPs (from the small christian party), has made some prists in North Jutland very angry. "At the center they use pendulum, read auras, - those treatments are occult! The center is a cover for new-religious movements". The center has offered the priests a 9 day course to experience by themselves what healing etc. is like, - but the priests refuse: they're afraid of lending their bodies to the healers, they say... Despite of these priests the center seems to be a succes, and popular to many different kind of people.

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D U C

Danish Underground Consortium is a new company, who tries to create an alternative to the normal life.
They do this by collecting several people with different opinions, ideas and angle of incident,on a common basis: for instance actions against nuklear weapons, starvation social help, and against all the other bull-shit we're fighting against nearly every day.
DUC is an attempt to tell everybody, especially the politicians, that there is an alternative. One that tries to reconquest the positive things in live: Positiveness, freedom, initiative, and responsibility. And that is what DUC is. THEY want to take responsibility for the development.

Who is DUC? DUC is everyone who wants to take part, DUC is everyone who wants to determine over themself, who wants to do a piece of work, and to take problems at their roots.
Maybe also theatre groups want to take part, or apprentices in their fight for better wages and working conditions, or peace groups in their fight for freedom and peace, or all you normal people with your good ideas.....

PRESS RELEASE
(late Aug.)

ÅRHUS

Your 'pretty' golfcourse is an insult to all us other people.
You thought you was secure at this place.
Here you are saving your skin in your exclusive reservation, in all your 'prettyness'.
The shiny BMW - cars flashing in the sun - the immaculate image - the perfect wife - the priviliged sport - using the right equipment !!!

But while you are walking on your courses you in fact are playing with other people's lifes. The cause for you owning all this, is that you extort the money from us normal people.
You think you are secure in your 'luxury place', but we found our way in spite of this.
Today we played golf after our own rules - we digged as many holes as we liked to - into your big well-cared lawn.
We used your course as you use our lifes.

Yours sincerely

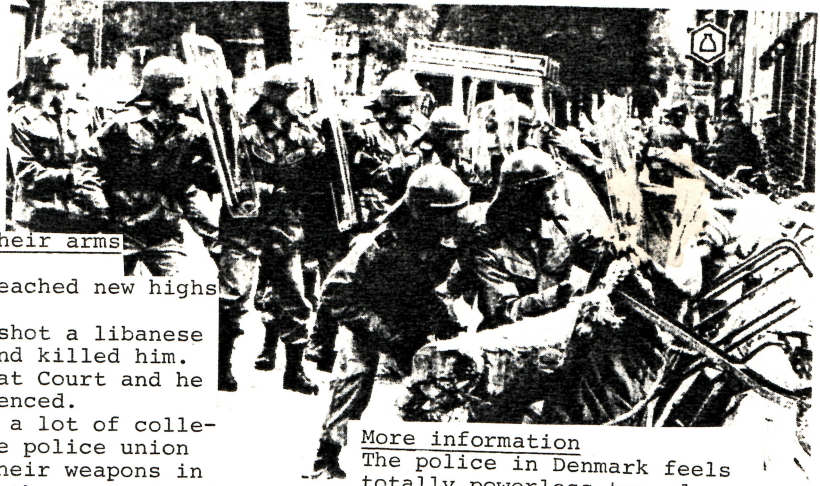
UNDERGRAVENDE VIRKSOMHED A/S
(undermining activity Ltd.
on moonlight work.

DUC represents itself

At the tattoo in Copenhagen the DUC mixed into the military parades and disturbed the show by making their own show.
Noone was arrested.

A MESSAGE TO RAMBO

"Rambo", Sylvester Stallone, was in Denmark in august, to visit mrs Stallone's family. Their private airplane was parked in Kastrup Airport, Copenhagen. One night activists got in through the fence and decorated the airplane, with slogans like: "Rambo, go home!". Nobody was caught. This action was a bit of a shock to the airport authorities, who now have started a general debate on security...



Cops lay down their arms

A copcase has reached new highs in Denmark.
In March a cop shot a libanese refugee twice and killed him. Now the cop is at Court and he maybe gets sentenced.
If this happens a lot of colleagues inside the police union will lay down their weapons in protest against the sentence.
p. Øland, secretary of the police union says, that is absurd and contradictory."Of course, the union cannot commend its members to drop their weapons, and I don't believe, that will be the consequence. We must trust in our legal system! Incidentally I don't believe our colleague gets sentenced, but if this happens, we will appeal"

Further ongoing:"The rules about the use of batons and guns are clear enough inside the union, and all colleagues are sure, that it wasn't wrong to shoot the refugee"
"For a lot of years the rules were good enough, so why change everything only to change?"
This were the words of a good, system-trusting man, who only wants the best for his country and its people...
And of course he's right. Why sentence a murder ???....(red.)

Jyllandsposten 10.9.86

A lowflying policehelicopter ran into a train near the Wackersdorf-plant in Germany at 8. Sept.
5 of the helicopter-members and the traindriver got hurt badly.
The helicopter was looking for a demonstrant who had thrown stones at the police.

Aarhus Stiftstidende, 10.9.86

More information

The police in Denmark feels totally powerless towards fire-explosions and dangerous chemistry-leaks, and the cops are missing information about the single chemistry-factory-production. This means, the police is using wrong measures at accidents or it gets the cops into dangerous situations.

Every copshop all over the country has lists for each chemistry and its dangerousness. But without knowing what kind of chemistry the single factory is using the police often can't react quickly and effectively enough.

When a chemistry leak is reported, the police first spends time on finding out about the chemistry's danger before taking out to the place of action.
By this, the dangerous situation often gets widened, and it takes much more time to get people evacuated from the place.
The police even misses the right equipment for such accidents, and many cops don't want to take part in those actions where chemistry is included. They are simply afraid of their life

Now the Ministry of Environment asks the chemistry-users to make lists over the chemistry they use in their production

Jyllandsposten, 10.9.86